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OVERRIDE MAYOR'S BEST BUY VETO

Honolulu City Councilmembers Gary Okino and Charles K. Djou called for an over-ride of Mayor Harris' veto of Bill 73 (2003) that would allow Best-Buy to locate a new store in Pearl City.

Councilmember Okino stated, "Best Buy worked with and listened to the community to come up with a store plan that makes sense. Bill 73 is a good re-zoning that deserves passage."

Councilmember Djou argued, "The Zoning Committee carefully examined Best Buy's proposal and agreed that the store design as well as the additional new jobs and business competition will make a positive contribution to our community. The Mayor's veto is simply unwarranted and sends the wrong signal to investors. The City Council has a responsibility to over-ride the Mayor's veto at our first opportunity."

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